

FOR THE SAKE



OF THE SALMON

January 23, 2003

Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue
12th Floor
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attn: Regina LaBelle

RE: Seattle City Light General Manager Gary Zarker

Dear Mayor Nickels:

I understand that Seattle City Light General Manager Gary Zarker is currently up for re-confirmation. Seattle City Light (SCL), and by extension the City of Seattle, is a charter member of For the Sake of the Salmon (FSOS), and we wish to add our voice in urging you and the City Council to re-appoint Mr. Zarker.

FSOS members include many Pacific Northwest public and private power utilities, and through our Salmon Friendly Power Program we interact with many more. SCL is notable for the highest level of commitment to salmon recovery among Northwest power utilities. Your restoration programs in the Skagit and elsewhere are exceptional. In the past, FSOS played an active role in helping to establish City Light's current partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Mr. Zarker has appointed SCL staff to assist FSOS in our mission by serving as our Industry Caucus Chair. We are also aware that City Light may soon, I believe, to be the largest utility to receive low impact hydropower certification through the Low Impact Hydropower Institute. LIHI's standards are the basis for our Salmon Friendly Power Program. We applaud this decision.

I trust the City of Seattle will honor Mr. Zarker's exceptional track record in managing the City Light's salmon and watershed restoration initiatives by retaining him as your utility manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James H. Rapp", written over a horizontal line.

James H. Rapp
Executive Director